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SUBJECT: U.S.-ROK TECHNICAL FISHERIES ASSISTANCE

1. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1972 U.S.-REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) AGREEMENT CONCERNING COOPERATION IN FISHERIES, THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE REGARDING THE PROPAGATION UNDER SANITARY CONDITIONS OF SHELLFISH IN THE ROK. VISITS TO ROK BY U.S. SCIENTISTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN 1972, 1973, AND 1974, WITH COSTS PAID FROM AID BLOCK GRANTS. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY NMFS/NOAA FOR A U.S. OYSTER BIOLOGIST TO PROVIDE FURTHER ADVICE IN ROK DURING APRIL-MAY 1975. IN LATE APRIL THE ROK FISHERIES ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. INFORMED NOAA THAT THE TRIP MUST BE CANCELLED DUE TO BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES IN ROK. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLANATION CONFLICTS WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AGREED-UPON

FINANCING PROCEDURES. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS BELIEVED TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY ITEM AND FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED BY AID BLOCK GRANTS. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING THE MATTER WITH ROK OFFICE OF FISHERIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE HELPFUL IN VIEW OF ONGOING PREPARATIONS.

2. VISIT OF ROK STATISTICIANS TO WEST COAST OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, UNDER TERMS OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT, IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED FOR SCHEDULING IN JULY-SEPTEMBER 1975. ROK FISHERIES ATTACHE HAS INDICATED THAT THIS VISIT MAY ALSO BE CANCELLED DUE TO BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES IN ROK. BECAUSE THE FUNDS FOR THIS VISIT ARE ALSO ALREADY ALLOCATED BY AID BLOCK GRANTS, EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING ROK POSITION AND INTENTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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